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## Female Pioneers in Healthcare

### Reading Comprehension

#### Clara Barton

Clara Barton was a pioneer in nursing in North America. When she was 11, her older brother fell off of a barn roof. He was badly injured and Clara took care of him. That is when she knew that she wanted to help people.

When the Civil War started in the United States, nurses did not exist! Barton decided that the hurt and dying soldiers needed care. She went right into the action to help anyone who needed it. Sometimes she worked for many hours without resting or eating.

Barton had one goal: to be sure that every injured soldier was taken care of. Nothing stopped her!

After the war, Barton went to Europe to rest. Instead, she became a nurse to the soldiers on the battlefields in Europe. It was there that she heard about the Red Cross. The Red Cross gave any wounded person care and food.

When Barton returned to the United States, she formed the American Red Cross to meet people's needs during emergencies. Barton continued to work with the American Red Cross until she died at the age of 81.

#### Story Questions:

1. Using the clues in the passage, you can tell that most of the soldiers Barton cared for had been...
  - a. burned.
  - b. shot.
  - c. frostbitten.
  - d. kicked.

2. What happened last?
  - a. Barton took care of the men on the battlefield.
  - b. Barton took care of her brother.
  - c. Barton started the American Red Cross.
  - d. Barton went to Europe.
  
3. Why did Clara Barton start the American Red Cross?
  - a. She wanted to help people in need.
  - b. She thought it was a good idea.
  - c. She wanted to fight in wars.
  - d. She wanted to help soldiers.
  
4. A word that best describes Clara Barton is...
  - a. scared.
  - b. selfish.
  - c. brave.
  - d. hurt.

### Journal Writing

5. **Write** 3-5 sentences to tell about what you can do for people who need help in Canada.

### Math Worksheet

6. **Practise** [subtracting two-digit numbers](#).

### Word Problems

7. **Read** the word problems below and **write** the answers.
  - ★ On Monday, Clara had 87 cents. She gave her sister 34 cents. How much money does Clara have left?
  
  - ★ On Tuesday, Clara had 93 cents. She bought a candy for 62 cents. How much money does Clara have left?

### Fun Stuff!

8. **Complete** this [word search](#) about the Red Cross.